

## **NOTICE**

Effective immediately, anyone submitting an informal Expression of Interest (EOI) that certain lands be offered in an oil and gas competitive lease auction and that the EOI includes split estate lands—private surface/Federal minerals—must provide, with the EOI, the name and address of the current private surface owners(s). Whenever a split estate parcel is included in an oil and gas Notice of Competitive Lease Sale, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will send a courtesy letter to the surface owners(s). The letter will provide the surface owner notice of the scheduled auction as well as information about the BLM's regulations and procedures for Federal oil and gas leasing and development on split estate lands.

Any EOI including split estate lands that is submitted in the future, or now pending with the BLM California State Office, that does not provide the name and address of the surface owner(s) will not be processed, and such lands will not be placed on a list of lands included in a Notice of Competitive Lease Sale until the required information is provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Debra Marsh, Chief, Branch of Minerals Adjudication at (916) 978-4382; or Laurie Moore, Land Law Examiner at (916) 978-4377.